

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 6, 2004

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH PUBLIC
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
COCOT SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

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**DOCKET NO.
97-00291**

Company ID: 125260

**ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE CUSTOMER OWNED COIN OR COINLESS
OPERATED TELEPHONE SERVICE**

This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 12, 2004, upon the request of BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. (the "Company") to cancel its authority to be an operator of Customer Owned Coin or Coinless Operated Telephone ("COCOT") service in the State of Tennessee.

The Company originally filed its Application to provide COCOT service within the State of Tennessee on February 28, 1997. During a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 18, 1997, the Directors found that the Company had met all the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-2-.43 through 1220-4-2-.45 to provide COCOT service in Tennessee. On August 12, 2003, the Company notified the Authority of its intention to cease payphone operations in Tennessee by filing a *Formal Notice of Intent to Cease Payphone Operations*

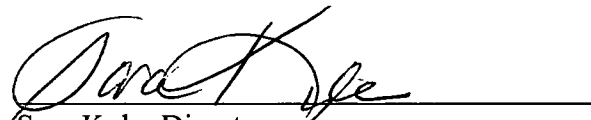
(Docket No. 03-00477), and on March 25, 2004, the TRA received a letter from the Company requesting cancellation of its authority to provide COCOT service in Tennessee.

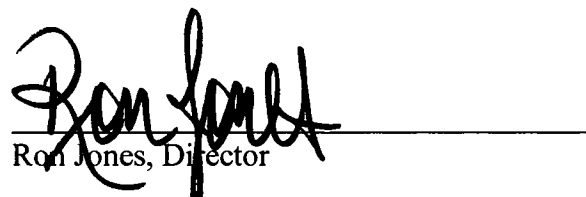
Based upon careful consideration of the record of this matter, the panel voted unanimously to cancel, by request, the authority of BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. to provide COCOT service in Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The authority of BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. to provide COCOT service within the State of Tennessee is cancelled, and this docket is closed.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Ron Jones, Director